

GADSBY'S LETTER

OTTAWA, Nov. 25. (The Duke of Devonshire will certainly be interested in the official duty on a coming Ottawa was to read a bunch of letters between Premier Borden and his son, Sir Sam, which are as full of surprises as a pumpkin is of seeds. "My word," one imagines his Excellency saying, "things do happen here.")

Perhaps the Governor-General does not appreciate the surprise inherent in this correspondence to the same extent as we do, who have been watching the cat jump for the last two years. For example, Premier Borden's ultimate indignation hinges on the smallest kind of otherness on the tone of Sir Sam's letter. He stands for paper shoes, Ross rises, ejaculates, the Bertram Shell Company, the fuse contracts, Camp Borden, and a hundred other crimes against the Dominion of Canada, and then fires Sir Sam for what? For his offences against the State? No. For an affront to Premier Borden's personal dignity. He doesn't like the tone of Sir Sam's last letter.

True, Premier Borden mentions the fact that Sir Sam has been acting off his own bat, not consulting his colleagues, disobeying orders in fact, but all these misdemeanors pale beside the frank language Sir Sam uses in writing to the head of the Government. Sir Sam may behave like a load of hay for two years—that is to say take up the whole road—but he mustn't be saucy to the Premier. This is the unforgivable sin. Just for that you'll all get off.

Incidentally Premier Borden is the nearest little stable-locker after the horse is stolen now extant on the northern half of the North American continent. Sir Sam's resignation after most of the harm has been done is Premier Borden's latest feat in this direction. But before that we had the excommunication of W. F. Garland, M.P., and a DeWitt Foster, M.P., both "gentlemen" having previously got away with the goods. This is perhaps the briskest thing Premier Borden does—making orders to penance for his lack of firmness.

Another surprise in Sir Sam's correspondence—a surprise which is in the nature of a rumor confirmed—is the intimation that Premier Borden was moving around for a way out, either as High Commissioner in London or as Chief Justice of Canada, via Sir Charles Fitzpatrick to be superannuated. Of course, Premier Borden denies that he contemplated quitting in the event of a successful Empire left in another conspicuous example of Sir Sam's penchant for picking the wrong kind of friends.

—H.F.G.

THE KINGDOM OF ARABIA.

A New State That Has Been Developed by the War.

Another prospective new State that the war has developed is the Kingdom of Arabia. An earlier report of the establishment of a desert people of south-western Asia of a separate nation after centuries of Turkish rule is confirmed by despatches received at the State Department.

The revolt of the tribesmen under the Sherif of Mecca, which began in June, has grown to greater proportions than the Young Turks had expected. The urgent demand for troops at other parts of the Ottoman Empire left a successful Arabian town entirely to small local garrisons. The Sherif's troops occupied Mecca, then the two Red Sea ports of Jeddah and Yambo, and finally gained possession of the defenses of Medina and the southern terminus of the Hedjaz railway. Through these successes they were in practical control of the entire country.

At the beginning of the war the Ottoman Government had no intention to have much faith in the allegiance of the Arabs. Its power was merely nominal over the interior tribesmen, and for years it had lost men and treasures in an unsuccessful attempt to suppress rebellions in Yemen. The Arabs had always resented the rule of the Turks and had steadily refused to accept the Sultan as the head of Islam. Backed by the support of Great Britain they saw in the war an opportunity to throw off a governmental control they hated, to reassert their guardianship of the sacred Mohammedan cities and to seek the restoration of the Caliphate to Mecca.

The victorious Sherif of Mecca has proclaimed himself King of the new State. The boundaries of the proposed kingdom are not defined; but in case of the Allies' success Great Britain may have as much to do with fixing them as the Arabs themselves. To detach Arabia from its shadowy allegiance to the Ottoman Empire is a task that lies within the sphere of British influence, and long been a part of England's political programme in the Near East.

With the Russians standing sponsor for a restored Armenia on the north and the British for a revival of ancient Arabia in the south the hold of the Turks is becoming as insecure in Asia as it is in Europe.

From Iron Duke to K. of K.

Sir Algernon West must be one of our few living celebrities who can look in his memory the funeral of Wellington with the memorial service for Kitchener, who himself was in his third year when Wellington died. The Wellington funeral was much more of a show than our taste would tolerate now, and was marred by the dreadful funeral car designed by a German under the direction of the Prince Consort, says the London Chronicle. Sir Paul's funeral, described as being "like a great rout, all London," says Charles Greville, "was there strolling and strolling about in the midst of a thousand workingmen going on with their business all the same, and all the fine ladies scrambling over vast masses of timber or ducking to avoid the great beams that were constantly keeping along."

Never Missed. "Whoever told you you could play golf?" sneered the expert. "Who? Me?" asked the novice. "I'm playing just as well as any of the others, and not a bit better." "Why, man alive, you took fourteen strokes to make the first hole! Is that what you call playing?" "Well, I hit the ball away from me, didn't I?"

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THE BIBLE SOCIETY

The lady collectors for the Bible Society are now canvassing the city for contributions to the funds, so much needed to meet the increased obligations of the Society, supply the soldiers and sailors, both friends and foes with copies of the Scriptures. The annual meeting of the Society is set for Wednesday, the 5th of Dec., when the amounts gathered by the collectors will be reported.

Many will be pleased to learn that Rev. Bishop Willard Browning has consented to make the annual address.

WINTER TOURIST FARES

Special fares are now in effect to resorts in Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Louisiana, and other Southern States and to Bermuda and the West Indies. Return limit May 31st, 1917. For tickets, reservations, and all information apply to H. C. Thompson, City Agent G.T.R., 30 Bridge St., Phone 403.

LAID TO REST.

The funeral of the late Annie May Fox took place yesterday morning from the family residence, Hillcrest Avenue, to the C.N.O.R. station whence the remains were taken by train to Malone. At ten-thirty service was held in Malone Methodist church by the Rev. Mr. Armitage of Belleville, assisted by Rev. Mr. Lindsay of Madoc and Rev. Mr. Loveless. Among the floral offerings on the casket was noticed a wreath from the Descon Company's employees. Interment was in Malone Cemetery, the bearers being Robert Nichol, John McCann, Clifford Gaulty, Fred Lough, Alex. Nichol and Harry Gaulty.

ENJOYABLE AT HOME.

Esmeralda Club Held Successful Dance Last Night.

The Esmeralda Club last night held a successful "At Home" in Johnstone's Academy, Campbell St. with about 75 couples in attendance. O'Rourke's orchestra of six pieces rendered the musical program for the dancing numbers. Among the guests present were a number of military men and visitors from Trenton, Stirling, Brighton, Picton and Napanee. The hall was prettily decorated in green and yellow effects. At the midnight hour refreshments were served. Dancing continued until two o'clock. The occasion was a most enjoyable one.

The Esmeralda Club will after New Year's devote surplus proceeds to the Red Cross.

A SUCCESSFUL TEA

The Red Cross Tea held in Queen Mary School on Thursday afternoon by the Women's Institute of West Belleville proved a very successful affair despite the bad weather. The Red Cross quilt made by the ladies was won by Dr. Duprau.

In addition to the proceeds from the tea and quite some liberal subscriptions were given by a few of the ladies and gentlemen present and the Institute in its work, bringing the total proceeds up to \$108.

LIEUT. WIMPERLY A NATIVE OF BELLEVILLE.

Lieut. Wimperly of Toronto, who was reported yesterday wounded, was a native of Belleville, the son of Harry E. Wimperly, who left here some years ago to reside in Toronto. W. C. Mikel, K.C., is a cousin. Lieut. Wimperly enlisted from Toronto University into the 116th battalion. The nature and extent of his injuries are not yet known by his people.

WON TURKEYS

Belleville Riflemen Won Trophies on Huff's Island.

Mr. Delong, Huff's Island, Prince Edward County, held a turkey shoot yesterday afternoon, and the following from Belleville drove over and competed: Mark Sprague, A. R. Symons, J. Douch, A. Sprague, A. Harman, Roy Stafford, Lieut. C. C. Walker, E. Smith and J. Woodley. Some very good scores were made considering the weather which prevailed, gales and snow flurries at times, making shooting difficult. The following were winners of birds: Two birds each A. R. Symons A. Harman A. Sprague One bird Lieut. C. C. Walker

FIRST DRUNK IN COBOURG SINCE SEPTEMBER 16TH.

Was Fined \$10—Got His Liquor From Montreal.

The first drunk in Cobourg since the advent of prohibition on Sept. 16, appeared in Police Court on Monday, and was fined \$10, but was let off without having costs added. Chief Ruess laid the charge, but the fine goes to the government, as Inspector Gooderich was present to push the case. At Monday night session of the town council the council will pass a bylaw appointing Chief Ruess an official to enforce the Ontario Liquor Law, so that when a charge under the Act is laid the fine will go to the town. Another drunk was up this week, but was remanded until next Monday—Sentinel Star.

254th BATTALION NOTES.

The 254th band went to Napanee today with Capt. Hyman, Lieut. Cook and Cooper to open up the recruiting headquarters for Lennox and Addington. Capt. A. G. Sandford of the 254th

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